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# South African War Memorial



B6901 South African War Memorial

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## Location

The Esplanade, Alfred Square,, ST KILDA VIC 3182 - Property No B6901

## Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1375

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The South African War Memorial, attributed to the architect Robert Peck, but possibly designed by noted architect Robert Haddon, and built in 1905, is of aesthetic, architectural and historical importance at the State level. The memorial is aesthetically important as one of the finest examples of Art Nouveau design in Victoria, in a public context. The composition and colouring is distinctive, and the craftsmanship of the faience and wrought iron work is particularly notable. Its scale and position imbue the memorial with a strong symbolic presence. Architecturally, the style of the monument and especially the integration of decorative craft into the design, are the hallmarks of the work of noted architect Robert Haddon, who may have been largely responsible for the

design.

Historically, it is significant in Victoria as one of the most prominent, and certainly the most distinctive memorial to commemorate the Boer War. The South African campaign was an important event in Australia's history, as the first time Australian troops fought and died in an overseas war, and coincided with a period of growing national consciousness surrounding federation.

Classified: 07/09/1998

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